(b) whether any enquiry was conducted, if so, by when and the result thereof, accident-wise; and

(c) whether the passengers were compensated, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, 540 and 532 train accidents respectively took place at different locations on Indian Railways. All these accidents have been inquired into. The inquiries revealed that a majority of the accidents were attributable to human failure, equipment failure and sabotage.

(c) Rs. 53.88 lakhs and Rs. 228.95 lakhs were paid as compensation during 1989-90 and 1990-91, respectively to the passengers involved in train accidents.

849. [Transferred to 30 July, 1991]

Construction of broad gauge line from Ahmednagar to Vaijnath

850. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Broad Gauge Railway line from Ahmednagar to Parli Vaijnath via Beed is likely to be taken up for work; and

(b) if so, by when work is likely to start and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Railways are facing acute constraint of resources. Moreover, the survey report has revealed inadequate traffic prospects on this section.

Assistance to Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

851. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have made some suggestions for extending assistance/relaxation to new Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra so as to make them viable; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra have suggested recategorisation of Maharashtra State into three zones for the purpose of incentive scheme and have else requested that more funds may be placed at the disposal of National Cooperative Development Corporation (N.C.D.C.) for meeting share capital needs of new cooperative sugar factories.

Formulation of a new incentive scheme is under consideration of Government. During 1991-92, Rs. 30.00 crores have been provided to NCDC under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for share capital participation, as against Rs. 8.00 crores provided during 1990-91.

Nhava-Sheva-Uran railway line

852. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take Nhava-Sheva-Uran Railway line on priority;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This being a new line for commuter traffic for development of New Bombay, it is for the State Govt. of Maharashtra to initiate action in the matter.

Master Plans submitted by Brahmaputra Board

853. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of the Master Plans submitted by the Brahmaputra Board in 1986, the project reports have been worked out;

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be done; and

(c) what would be the estimated cost for both the Dihang and Subansiri Project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The Project Report for Pagladiya Dam has been prepared for appraisal. Others will be taken up after completion of investigations and studies.

(c) The estimated cost of Dihang and Subansiri Dam Projects at 1988 price level are Rs. 12,170 crores and Rs. 3,200 crores respectively.

दिल्ली से पटना तथा पटना से दिल्ली के बीच द्रुतगामी रेल चलाने का प्रस्ताव

854. श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पटना से दिल्ली तथा दिल्ली से पटना के बीच शताब्दी मेल जैसी द्रुतगामी रेल आरम्भ करने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा और यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में क्या अड़चनें हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली/नई दिल्ली—पटना के बीच चलने वाली 8 जोड़ी गाड़ियों के अलावा 2-10-90 से नई दिल्ली—पटना के बीच एक जोड़ी सुपरफास्ट गाड़ी अर्थात् 2401/2402 श्रमजीवी एक्सप्रेस चलाई गई है। मौजूदा सेवायें पर्याप्त होने तथा परिचालनिक और संसाधनों की तंगियों के कारण नई दिल्ली-पटना के बीच शताब्दी किस्म की गाड़ी चलाने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Transportation of Iron Ore from Hospet-Bellary Section

855. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) as to the quantity of Iron Ore from Hospet-Bellary section moved by Railways at Special point-to-point rates for export to Madras Harbour and to Kudchire (Old Sanvordem-Curchorem, Goa) during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) how much burden has been suffered by the Railways compared to normal tariff on account of point-to-point; and

(c) whether the loss to the railways being made up through subsidy or any other means by the Ministry of Commerce or by the Ministry of Steel and Mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The quantum of Iron Ore for export carried by by rail from Bellary-Hospet setcion to Madras and Goa and the estimated revenue forgone in relation to normal tariff rates